

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
APRIL 16, 1999

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, April 16, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room of East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Billy Hewes, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Member absent: Joanna Heidel.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Guests in attendance: Dexter Holloway, State Department of Education; and Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:25 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes of March 23 and 24, 1999, Board Meetings

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 23 and 24, 1999, meetings.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray gave a brief report on the activities of the Mississippi.Future.Net Workgroup. The Workgroup continues to work on the development of a plan defining the public educational technology needs of the future.

Dr. Ray provided an overview of a Learning Anytime Any Place (LAAP) proposal submitted to the U. S. Department of Education seeking funding through a new grant (LAAP) for delivering distance learning instruction. Becky Cade has been responsible for leading a representative team from the community and junior colleges in preparing the proposal. One aspect of the three year grant would provide partial funding for each community and junior college to hire a full-time employee to coordinate with distance learning.

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Dr. Ray reported on the Mississippi Quality Awards Conference held at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi on April 9 and 10, 1999. Dr. Ray congratulated Dr. Evelyn Webb, Duane Hamill, and the Accountability and Support Services Division on a very successful conference.

Dr. Ray shared with the Board a copy of a ruling from Judge Neal Biggers with regard to the Ayers case as related to the University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast issue (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray reported on the establishment of the SBCJC Informational Technology Division, which will be headed up by Ray Smith.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College reported on the following items discussed at the March 24, 1999, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

The Association discussed the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MVCC). Plans are moving forward for offering courses via the MVCC during the Spring Semester of 2000.

The Association discussed the outcomes of the 1999 Legislative Session. The MACJC collectively felt that the session was very productive.

Dr. Ted Alexander gave a report on the project to record Community College History from 1972-2000.

Dr. Eddie Smith gave a report on the Phi-Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team recognition luncheon held on March 24, 1999, at the Ramada Coliseum.

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown asked Dr. Wayne Stonecypher to update the Board on an EdNet Meeting he attended. Dr. Stonecypher reported that EdNet had approved a recommendation that would allow Wireless One to install equipment that would connect 210 Head Start sites to the EdNet System. Mrs. Brown distributed two newspaper articles detailing the activities required to connect the Head Start sites (Exhibit B).

Also, Mrs. Brown reported that EdNet has identified and chosen 9 local origination sites across Mississippi, including Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to

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approve the April 30, 1999, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$2,084,940.18 (Exhibit C).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve Guidelines for Administration of Associate Degree Nursing Support for FY 2000 (Exhibit D).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Capital Improvement Projects (Exhibit E), and Repair and Renovation Projects (Exhibit F) for the years 2001 through 2005.

Mrs. Fox also presented the following reports for the Board members' review:

- Bimonthly Capital Improvement Projects (Exhibit G)
- Report on Appropriations for Support - FY 2000 (Exhibit H)
- Report on Appropriations for Administration - FY 2000 (Exhibit I)
- Report on Bond Funds - FY 2000 (Exhibit J)
- Report on SBCJC Administrative Budget Balances as of 3/31/99 (Exhibit K).

Mrs. Gilbert requested input from Board members on the FY 2001 Budget Requests. Final approval on the FY 2001 Budget Requests will be needed at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Walker requested that Deborah Gilbert attend the next State Workforce Development Council meeting to present a breakdown of the workforce appropriation bill approved for fiscal year 2000.

Program Committee

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reported no new program requests for this month. The State Department of Education's deadline for filing applications for new programs for fiscal year 2000, was April 15, 1999. Dr. Stonecypher stated that after the State Department of Education reviews the application and approves program requests, they will be forwarded to the SBCJC for further approval.

Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave an overview of legislation passed during the 1999 Legislative Session. Several pieces of legislation are awaiting the Governor's signature. After all the bills have been signed, a summary of the session will be prepared and distributed to Board members.

Workforce Education

Mr. Walker gave a report on the Mississippi Quality Awards Program. Upon Mr. Walker's recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to draft letters of congratulations to all the winners of the 1999 Mississippi Quality Awards. Mr. Walker mentioned that Coahoma Community College, Jones County Junior College, and Northwest Mississippi Community College received awards of recognition.

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Mr. Walker also gave a brief report on the State Workforce Development Council's April meeting held in connection with the Mississippi Quality Awards Program. During the meeting a presentation was given by representatives of the U. S. Department of Immigration on alien and immigrant labor rules and regulations.

Mr. Walker gave an update on the School-to-Careers grant. One of the first awards of a sub-grant went to Coahoma Community College for their participation in the JASON Project.

Mr. Walker thanked all the Board members that attended and participated in the Mississippi Quality Awards Program.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

George Walker for attending a State Workforce Development Council meeting on April 7, and for representing community and junior colleges at a meeting at the University of Mississippi on April 11, 1999.

George Walker, Hazel Terry, Billy Hewes, John Junkin, Henry Hudspeth, and William Seal for attending the Mississippi Quality Awards Program on April 9, and 10, 1999.

Other Business

Mr. Walker thanked Dr. Tommy Davis for hosting the April SBCJC meeting and for the tour of the Center for Manufacturing Technology Excellence in Mayhew yesterday, Thursday April 15, 1999. Dr. Davis gave a brief history of the East Mississippi Community College and the Board participated in a tour of the Scooba Campus. Following the tour the Board enjoyed lunch in the East Room of the college cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


George Walker, Chairman

Olon E. Ray
Executive Director